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SUBJECT ARREST CASE OF WIFE OF FORMER USAID OFFICER

REF: RIO' S 1098

1. IN CORDIAL INTERVIEW ARRANGED AT HIS INITIATIVE, COL. FIUZA, CHIEF OF DOI (THE FIRST ARMY' S INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT), MET TODAY (APRIL 2) WITH A CONGEN OFFICER AND WITH FORMER USAID OFFICER EDMUND WAGNER TO PROVIDE MORE DETAILS ON DETENTION OF WAGNER' S BRAZILIAN- CITIZEN WIFE.
2. FIUZA PRODUCED A COPY OF A HAND- WRITTEN DOCUMENT ALLEGEDLY SUBMITTED BY MRS. WAGNER, IN WHICH SHE CONFESSED THAT DURING THE PAST EIGHT MONTHS SHE GAVE SOME FINANCIAL AND FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE TO A SUBVERSIVE CASTRO- ORIENTED GROUP.
3. THE COLONEL IS CONVINCED THAT MRS. WAGNER' S CONFESSION IS GENUINE ALTHOUGH HE MENTIONED THAT SHE WAS KEPT IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FOR THREE DAYS IN AN UNLIT CELL BEFORE SHE AGREED TO WRITE OUT HER CONFESSION. HE INSISTED THAT SHE HAD NOT BEEN SUBMITTED TO ANY PHYSICAL MALTREATMENT, AND AT THE EXPRESS ORDERS OF HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER HAD NOT BEEN SUBJECTED TO QUOTE THIRD- DEGREE UNQUOTE QUESTIONING.

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4. FIUZA GAVE ASSURANCES THAT MRS. WAGNER WOULD BE PERMITTED VISITORS BY EARLY NEXT WEEK AND THAT AFTER THE FORMAL INVESTIGATION REPORT HAD BEEN FILED, IN A FEW WEEKS, SHE WOULD BE GIVEN PROVISIONAL

LIBERTY TO AWAIT HER TRIAL, WHICH IN TURN WOULD TAKE PLACE
SEVERAL MONTHS FROM NOW.

5. FIUZA SPECULATED THAT BECAUSE MRS. WAGNER DID NOT APPEAR TO
BE TIED DIRECTLY TO PRINCIPAL OPERATIONS OF SUBVERSIVE GROUP,
THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL WOULD PROBABLY BE EXTREMELY LENIENT IN
ITS RULING ON THE CASE. FIUZA BELIEVED THAT MRS. WAGNER'S
CONFESSION INDICATED THAT SHE WAS WILLING TO BE QUOTE REHABILITATED
END QUOTE.

6. THE SON IMPLICATED BY MRS. WAGNER'S ALLEGED CONFESSION IS NOT
RPT NOT HER AMERICAN STEP- SON (PHILIP WAGNER) BUT HER NATURAL SON
BY A PREVIOUS MARRIAGE.
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